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EXTENSION OF HEALTH INSURANCE

Dependants of Men on Active Service

The following letter has been sent by the British Medical Association to the Ministry of Health:

Dear Sir,

In recent weeks the Association has been giving careful consideration to the question of the medical attendance and treatment of the dependants of men who are serving in the ranks of His Majesty's Forces.

It is realized that the pay and allowances of such men are in the majority of cases insufficient to enable them to provide the necessary medical attendance for their dependants. Such a state of affairs would leave for many the Public Assistance machinery as the only available channel through which they can obtain the attendance they need. It is considered to be wholly undesirable that the dependants of men who are serving their country at this time of national emergency should need to have recourse to the Poor Law as the agency for securing facilities which are essential to their well-being.

It is within the knowledge of the Ministry that the Association's general policy is that the facilities now available to insured persons under the National Health Insurance Acts should be made available also to the dependants of such insured persons. While such an extension would, of course, be welcomed at the appropriate time, it is desired now to urge that the Government should accept responsibility for a limited extension by providing medical care, similar to that now available to insured persons, for the dependants of all men in the Armed Forces whose total income is below £250 per annum. The Association would be grateful if the Government would give immediate consideration to this question and inform the Association of its views.

Yours faithfully,

G. C. ANDERSON,
Secretary.

A REMINDER TO SERVICE MEMBERS OF THE B.M.A.

Reduced Rate of Subscription

Members of the Association who are serving with His Majesty's Forces are reminded that under By-law 15 they are entitled to enjoy a reduced subscription rate of £2 2s. per annum. In connexion with the subscription which is due on January 1, 1940, the applications for which are now being prepared, steps have been taken to reduce the claim to £2 2s. in the case of those members of the Association known by the Central Office to be serving with the Forces. While every effort is being made to ensure accuracy, it is possible that in some cases a claim will be made for the ordinary home standard rate. If this should prove the case members entitled to claim the Service rate are asked to return the form, when an amended application will be sent.

Delivery of the "British Medical Journal"

The Central Office is anxious to ensure that the weekly issue of the *British Medical Journal* reaches all members of the Association, particularly those in the Services. In the majority of cases the office has been notified of any changes of address which have followed the calling up of men. Members who have not already done so, and who wish the *Journal* forwarded to them at their Service unit, are asked to furnish the Central Office with their address in order that the change may be made with the least possible delay.

The General Purposes Committee of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, which, in view of the difficulty of calling the Society's council together at the present time, has been given wide powers, decided at a recent meeting to seek a deputation with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Home Security on certain defects in the administration of the medical and public health aspects of civil defence and casualty treatment services. The deputation, which will include Dr. Cyril Banks, Professor R. M. F. Picken, and Drs. James Ferguson, Gordon Lilico, and T. N. V. Potts, will also urge consultation between the Departments and the Society's representatives whenever new points of policy on these matters are under consideration.

At the same meeting the committee decided to ask the Ministry of Health to postpone the new scheme for the supply of milk at a reduced price to nursing and expectant mothers and children under 5. It was felt that the proposals might have a detrimental effect on maternity and child welfare work in so far as provision of milk under the present schemes was definitely related to attendance at welfare centres; further, many medical officers of health believed that dried milk had scientific advantages over liquid milk in these schemes. It was also considered that the additional administrative burden at a time when public health departments were fully occupied would be a serious matter.

Correspondence

Terms of Service and Air Raid Casualties

SIR,—In the *Supplement* of November 4 (p. 215) there appeared under "War Notices" in a paragraph on the general practitioner and air raid casualties the sentence: "In so far as the injured persons are entitled to medical benefit under national health insurance they are already provided for."

On February 15 of this year a conference of all Local Emergency Committees took place in the Great Hall of B.M.A. House, and several hundred representatives from all over the country attended to hear the Minister of Health, Dr. Elliot, give an address on the medical services in war time. After his address a number of questions were submitted in writing to the Minister, of which one (by the undersigned) asked whether medical attendance on war casualties would form part of the terms of service under the N.H.I. Acts. The Minister's reply (of which there must be shorthand records in the hands of the Secretariat) was an unequivocal assurance to the contrary, which was greeted with some cheerful applause.

While most doctors are quite ready to do any kind of war work they are not prepared to have so great a risk thrust upon them without some additional consideration for their services. The ever-rising cost of living, petrol, drugs and dressings, the high taxation, decreasing panels, and moribund private practices are all factors calling for compensation somewhere, if we are to continue paying our bills and subscriptions. There is a growing feeling among the profession that a small share of the £6,000,000 which this country is spending a day on war alone might be reserved for providing the nation with *rational* and *adequate* services such as ours.—I am, etc.,

London, W.10, Nov. 28. GEORGE DE SWIET.

*** The text of a letter from the British Medical Association to the Ministry of Health urging that treatment of air raid injuries should be outside the scope of medical benefit under national health insurance was published in the *Supplement* of December 9, page 237.—ED., *B.M.J.*

Medical Staffing of First-aid Posts

SIR,—On December 1, 1939, a meeting was held of practitioners who had undertaken service at first-aid posts in the area of the Wandsworth Division of the B.M.A. Out of a total of forty, twenty-seven attended.

The latest proposal of the Ministry of Health for the medical staffing of aid posts was discussed, and it was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that practitioners appointed to be in charge of aid posts in the area of the Wandsworth Division should decline service unless a deputy was properly appointed to each post and suitably remunerated. It was felt that for a sum of £75 per annum, entailing in addition to other duties three visits of inspection and instruction a week, the medical officer in charge of the post could not reasonably be expected to remain on call for twenty-four hours a day, and that for no retaining fee at all a deputy could not be expected to hold himself in readiness during such times as the practitioner in charge was not available. It would appear more than probable that the ultimate result would be that the services of any practitioner available would have to be requisitioned in the event of the practitioner in charge not being available. This, it was felt, was contrary to the public interest, inasmuch as it would appear highly desirable, under the conditions likely to prevail after an air raid and bearing in mind that the lay personnel in many cases have as yet to see a badly cut finger, that a practitioner familiar with the precise location of the post, the personnel, the distribution of instruments, drugs, and dressings, and the type of appliance available, as well as the general lay-out of the post, would be a *sine qua non* of efficient service.

The views of other practitioners interested in first-aid work would be welcomed.—I am, etc.,

R. A. MITCHELL, M.B.,
Dec. 4. Honorary Secretary and Emergency Officer, Wandsworth.

Capitation Fee in War Time

SIR,—I wonder what other general practitioners are thinking about the new financial problems presenting themselves in these troubled times. To meet the increased cost of living we find that wages, allowances, unemployment assistance, etc., are being increased. The farmer is going to be permitted to sell milk at one penny per quart more after January 1, 1940, because he must meet the increased cost of feeding-stuffs. Is the panel practitioner given an increased mileage allowance under the national health insurance to meet the increased cost of petrol? Is the practitioners' capitation fee increased to meet the loss in income arising in circumstances consequent on present conditions? Is it fair or honest to increase our fees to private patients to pay for the increased cost of travelling to insured patients?

What are the answers to these questions? If the time is ripe for increased wages, prices, etc., is it premature to ask for some consideration of the above-mentioned matters?—I am, etc.,

Callander, Dec. 2. F. C. M. MCILWRICK, M.B., Ch.B.Ed.

*** The text of a letter which the Insurance Acts Committee of the B.M.A. has sent to the Ministry of Health on the capitation fee was published in the *Supplement* of December 2, p. 231.—ED., *B.M.J.*

SIR,—In the *Supplement* of December 2 (p. 231) you quite rightly call attention to the capitation fee question. Admittedly this fee is totally inadequate and should be in the region of 15s. per annum for the service now given under the National Health Insurance Acts, but there is one still more serious factor at work to-day that you pay no attention to at all. When the Military Training (Militia) Act was passed in April we were told that those men called up would remain upon our panel and would not be struck out. Since September, however, our losses have been serious, and each month we are asked by the Panel Committee to send in the records of young men who have "joined the Forces." Our panels are steadily declining, costs are rising quickly, taxation is already savage, and we are signing on very few new panel patients, so we cannot maintain our figures.—I am, etc.,

Lincoln, Dec. 3. C. A. H. FRANKLYN.

Fees for Emergency Treatment and Anaesthetics

SIR,—A notice has been circulated in the area that, acting on the suggestion of the Minister of Health, the insurance committee, in conjunction with the panel committee, has decided that for the period of the war emergency claims for fees for the administration of anaesthetics and for emergency treatment shall be suspended [*sic*]. I shall be pleased to know if the two committees have the power thus to set aside one of the provisions of the Act. And I shall be pleased also to learn just how this decision is going to help to win the war or in any way affect its course.—I am, etc.,

Ludlow, Nov. 24. T. HUNTER.

*** The Secretary of the British Medical Association makes the following comment: The proposal that claims for emergency treatment and anaesthetists' fees should be discontinued for the duration of the war was one of a number of suggestions for reducing the administrative work normally done by panel and insurance committees. These special payments are first charges on the Local Practitioners' Fund before its distribution to individual practitioners.

Medical Students and Military Service

SIR,—Your correspondent "Alpha," whose letter appears in the *Supplement* of December 2 (p. 235), suggests that still more medical students should be "reserved." While in the last war there was a great shortage of doctors and students, this time there are already quite enough of both, and I suggest that it would be more in the national interest if, instead of unnecessarily increasing the number of reserved men, more were left for the fighting forces.

I cannot quote figures (comparing the number of doctors and students available now with the number in 1914), but in view of my difficulty in obtaining employment—whether in

a hospital or the R.A.M.C.—I conclude that there is already a sufficient number of doctors. There is already a reserve of several thousand students, without adding more. If in the last war there were too few doctors and students, is there not a danger of the pendulum swinging too far in the opposite direction this time? For one thing, how on earth are we all to get jobs when the war is over?—I am, etc.,

Dec. 2. NEWLY QUALIFIED.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland has issued the following memorandum on the conditions of service in the Emergency Medical Service.

1. Appointment to the Emergency Medical Service will be made by the Ministry and will continue for the duration of the war or for such period as the Ministry may determine. Subject to the essential needs of the service and the advice of the Emergency Committee of the British Medical Association the Ministry will be prepared to release members whose services are required by His Majesty's Forces.

2. The duties of members in the treatment of casualties will include treatment of persons transferred from one hospital to another by direction of the Ministry in order to provide for casualties as well as casualties caused directly by hostile attack, and of such other persons or classes of persons as may from time to time be deemed to be casualties; and will include treatment in extern departments of hospitals as may be necessary.

3. The duties of members will be performed in such hospital or hospitals in Northern Ireland as the Ministry may from time to time direct, but duty will, so far as possible, normally be assigned in the hospital to which the member is attached as a member of the staff.

4. Each member will attend for duty at the required hospital at such times as may be specified by the Ministry in any general or specific direction, but except in the event of an actual or impending attack or a special emergency members will be permitted to attend at such times convenient to themselves and to the hospital authority as are consonant with the due performance of their duties.

5. Members may engage in private practice and hold appointments in so far as is consistent with the performance of their duties.

6. The remuneration of members of the Emergency Medical Service will be provided by payment to the accredited representative of the medical staff of each hospital in which casualties are treated of a capitation allowance at the rate of 2s. 6d. per day for each casualty (as defined in paragraph 2 of this memorandum) under treatment in that hospital. The remuneration of individual members serving in each hospital, whether ordinarily attached or temporarily assigned to the staff of that hospital, will be paid by the accredited representative out of the fund provided by the capitation allowance in such proportions as the members so serving shall determine. The accredited representatives will account to the Ministry for all moneys so received and paid by them at such times and in such manner as the Ministry may require.

7. Selected members who are required to proceed in an emergency or for special duty to hospitals to which they are not ordinarily attached or normally assigned for duty will, in lieu of participating in the capitation allowance at the hospital to which they proceed, receive remuneration on a sessional basis according to the following scale:

Specialists.—2½ guineas per session up to a maximum of five sessions in any one week and 2 guineas for each additional session, subject to a general maximum of 120 guineas in any one quarter.

Assistants to Surgical Specialists.—1½ guineas per session up to a maximum of five sessions in any one week and £1 5s. for each additional session, subject to a maximum of 75 guineas in any one quarter.

Anaesthetists.—If required to provide their own apparatus, 2 guineas per session. If not required to provide apparatus, at the same rates as assistants.

(If anaesthetic drugs are not provided by the hospital an allowance for drugs used will also be made.)

For the purpose of this paragraph a session consists of a period of two hours or any part thereof, running from the time of departure for duty and terminating on return to home or normal station provided that the time occupied in travelling is shown to the satisfaction of the Ministry to be reasonable in the circumstances. Payment of sessional fees will be made by the Ministry on the certificate of the hospital officer who has directed the duty.

8. No allowance will be paid in respect of travelling or subsistence in proceeding to assigned posts for duty. Where, however, members are required under paragraph 7 of this memorandum to proceed on special duty more than five miles from their normal station the member in whose car they travel will receive an allowance at the rate of 3d. per mile, unless petrol is provided at public expense; a party not exceeding four in number will be expected to travel in one car. Arrangements will be made for journeys on special duty.

9. Members of the Emergency Medical Service will be entitled to the benefits of any arrangements which may be made in respect of the death or injury on duty of members of Civil Defence Services. Membership will not, however, confer any other right to pension, gratuity, or compensation on termination of services.

10. Directions and instructions of the Ministry will be communicated to members by the officers authorized by law (the Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, Permanent Secretary, or an Assistant Secretary), or by the Chief Medical Officer or the hospital officer of the Ministry. No directions or instructions, unless issued by an authorized officer, should be accepted by members nor will be recognized by the Ministry.

Naval, Military, and Air Force Appointments

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE

Surgeon Commander H. E. Scargill has been placed on the Retired List with the rank of Surgeon Captain.

Surgeon Lieutenant R. M. Kirkwood has been transferred to the Emergency List.

Surgeon Lieutenant (Emergency List) T. F. Miles to be Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander (Emergency List).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Captain A. N. T. Meneces to be Major

Lieutenant J. M. Corall to be Captain, with seniority October 22, 1938, and precedence next below Captain B. Lapedus; Lieutenant S. O. Bramwell to be Captain, with seniority October 22, 1938, and precedence next below Captain J. M. Corall.

Lieutenants F. B. Bagshaw and H. J. A. Richards to be Captains, with seniorities November 4, 1938, and November 5, 1938, respectively.

Lieutenants J. H. Gibson, H. A. Bowker, H. C. Jeffrey, G. L. Humphreys, J. J. Justice, D. A. Ireland, G. F. Edwards, J. Baxter, H. H. Johnston, A. Bennett, P. E. R. B. Unwin, R. G. Davies, D. S. Toole, R. D. Bell, A. Crook, R. A. Daly, and E. T. St. M. Brett to be Captains.

The appointments of Lieutenants F. B. Bagshaw and H. J. A. Richards have been antedated to November 4, 1937, and November 5, 1937, respectively, under the provisions of Article 36, Royal Warrant for Pay and Promotion, 1931, but not to carry pay and allowances prior to November 4, 1937, and November 5, 1937, respectively.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE

Air Commodore W. Tyrrell, D.S.O., M.C., has been granted the acting rank of Air Vice-Marshal.

Air Commodore B. A. Playne, D.S.O. (R.A.F. ret.), has relinquished, at his own request, the rank of Air Commodore whilst re-employed with the Royal Air Force and has been granted the rank of Group Captain.

ROYAL AIR FORCE RESERVE: MEDICAL BRANCH

R. S. Maclatchy has been granted a commission as Flying Officer in Class D, with effect from November 27, 1939, and with seniority November 27, 1933.

AUXILIARY AIR FORCE: MEDICAL BRANCH

Flying Officers N. R. Smith, B. Rothery, and G. A. H. Norman to be Flight Lieutenants.

ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE: MEDICAL BRANCH

D. D. MacDonald has been granted a commission as Flying Officer. (Substituted for the notification in the *London Gazette* of October 20.)

The following have been granted commissions as Flying Officers for the duration of hostilities: J. S. Astbury, J. Apley, J. R. Connelly, P. C. Conran, T. A. James, M. J. Lowther, W. H. Mirkin, K. D. F. Morle, M. Stein, M. Pearson, J. S. Davies, and J. L. Trainer, L.R.C.P. and S., L.R.F.P.S., L.D.S.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Majors C. de W. Gibb and A. Mearns have ceased to belong to the Reserve of Officers on account of ill-health.

Captain T. S. Cave, from Regular Army Reserve of Officers, Royal Artillery, to be Captain, with seniority November 13, 1936. (Substituted for the notification in the *London Gazette* of September 8.)

Captain F. P. Freeman, M.C., has ceased to belong to the Reserve of Officers on account of ill-health.

L. W. H. Bertie, late Second Lieutenant, Special List, to be Lieutenant. (Substituted for the notification in the *London Gazette* of September 15.)

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS: ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

The notification in the *London Gazette* of September 12 regarding Lieutenant A. M. Critchley has been cancelled.

The notifications in the *London Gazette* of October 6 regarding Lieutenants A. C. Stevenson and D. A. Lowe have been cancelled.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Colonel L. B. Cane, T.D., A.D.M.S., 54th (E.A.) Division, has retired on completion of tenure.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. Gibson, T.D., has relinquished his commission on account of ill-health.

Major I. H. Lloyd-Williams, from R.A.M.C., temporary commission to be Major.

Major A. Barr has relinquished his commission on account of ill-health.

Captain F. W. Bury from Territorial Army Reserve of Officers, R.A.M.C., to be Captain.

Captain R. J. Watson, M.C., from Territorial Army Reserve of Officers, General List, Royal Artillery, to be Captain, with seniority September 15, 1935.

Captain G. S. Adams from Territorial Army General List, O.T.C., to be Captain, with seniority December 28, 1937.

Captain D. Macleod has relinquished his commission on account of ill-health.

Lieutenant J. C. Caird, from Territorial Army Reserve of Officers, Scouts, to be Captain, with seniority February 2, 1937.

Lieutenant J. K. Sutherland to be Captain, with seniority May 29, 1938.

Lieutenant P. J. B. Dyce has resigned his commission.

Lieutenants J. Black and W. L. Fulthorpe have relinquished their commissions on account of ill-health.

Lieutenant W. I. Walker to be Captain.

Lieutenant R. I. Mitchell from Territorial Army General List, Infantry Unit, O.T.C., to be Lieutenant.

Lieutenant L. R. Flowers, from Territorial Army, Royal Berkshire Regiment, to be Lieutenant.

Lieutenant D. J. Macrae, from Seaforth Highlanders, to be Lieutenant.

Second Lieutenant F. S. Fiddes, from Territorial Army Reserve of Officers, General List, Infantry, to be Lieutenant.

To be Lieutenants: J. C. Hill, C. D. Weir, J. A. Reid, W. G. H. Allen, J. E. E. Hughes, T. A. MacGibbon, and T. L. Oliver.

LAND FORCES: EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

The following to be Lieutenants and have been promoted to the rank of Acting Colonel: Lieutenant-Colonel C. M. Page, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., Militia (retired) and has relinquished the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; Major A. W. Stott, R.A.M.C., T.A. (retired), and has relinquished the rank of Major; Captains J. R. Rees, R.A.M.C. (retired), and H. Yellowlees, O.B.E., R.A.M.C. (retired), and have relinquished the rank of Captain; Sir C. G. Gordon-Watson, K.B.E., C.M.G., H. L. Tidy, F. A. Juler, and J. T. Ingram.

The surname of C. E. Hurley is as now described and not as notified in the *London Gazette* of November 15.

Lieutenants H. S. Calder and A. P. Procter have relinquished their commissions on account of ill-health.

To be Lieutenants: A. W. McKenny-Hughes, F. J. C. Johnstone, D. Mackenzie, J. R. Macintyre, G. C. Cooper, H. B. Hodson, J. M. Houston, W. Belton, W. D. R. Thompson, R. J. Toleman, T. P. Sewell, G. F. Anderson, J. A. A. Duncan, L. D. Dennard, J. C. B. Bone, J. B. C. Madge, W. S. Braidwood, G. McL. Gorrie, A. Lutton, G. M. Heap, G. Woodruff, C. H. Comrie, E. E. Satchwell, A. G. Williams, A. C. Barker, C. E. M. de Gruchy, F. Duval, W. Falconer, L. M. Rubein, G. H. Darke, L. Griffiths, O. F. Barr, E. Gillett, F. L. Lydon, D. G. Adamson, L. D. M. Gavin, J. A. Gordon, R. Semple, S. W. H. Stuart, H. R. G. Davies, C. J. D. May, C. N. Mills, J. L. Reynolds, F. J. C. Smith, J. L. Treneman, P. K. Walker, F. Ayrey, W. O. Macfeat, D. W. Rossiter, R. W. Gunderson, T. E. Henderson, L. V. Macdonald, D. J. A. MacLean, R. H. M. Ross, R. H. D. Short, J. E. L. Bendor-Samuel, H. Rosenberg, J. R. Sweeting, A. Taylor-Smith, G. W. Almeyda, J. B. Dowe, M. Gaba, A. O. Karstaedt, C. J. Evans, A. M. Baillie, M. A. Chamberlain, A. Findlay, G. A. D. Gordon, H. W. Gray, G. Ralston, G. Rosemont, L. S. Woolf, A. L. Dick, A. W. C. Mellor, E. A. Robertson, T. J. Steven, A. J. Warren, F. J. Biddle, F. J. McDermott, R. Macnair, R. H. Mumford, L. Saunders, D. R. Buller, M. W. Paterson, E. S. Ashforth, T. A. Clarke, B. W. Macdonald, G. H. Evans, G. N. McLaren, W. Gavin, H. Graham, A. P. R. Borrowman, T. J. Clune, W. L. Young, N. F. Seed, W. Murphy, A. Reid, T. Duncan, I. Lloyd, W. G. P. Mair, I. Murray, F. H. Morrell, G. L. Ritchie, R. F. White, R. C. S. Dick, A. W. Green, W. M. K. McLellan, A. McDiarmid, E. Doherty, F. N. Woods, J. W. McLaren, H. E. Brown, N. B. Walker, A. Henderson, E. I. Harper, W. Henderson, J. Thomson, R. D. Mackenzie, J. D. McLennan, J. C. G. Whitelaw, G. E. Calvert, W. N. Murray, A. V. Stevens, J. W. Doupe, J. A. Robertson, A. J. Martin, J. F. Venables, and H. H. Clay.

To be Medical Officers with the relative rank of Lieutenant: Muriel Boycott and Ethel Whitby.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE

The Secretary of State for India has appointed to the Civil Branch of the Indian Medical Service the following officers of the Indian Medical Service with effect from the dates indicated in parentheses: *Government of India:* Major S. S. Bhatnagar (June 26, 1938); Major Jaswant Singh (July 11, 1938); Major M. K. Kelavkar, M.B.E. (October 20, 1938); Major W. F. Cooper (November 9, 1938). *Bombay:* Captain L. Feinhols (August 5, 1938). *Bengal:* Captain J. W. D. Goodall (September 18, 1938); Major E. A. R. Ardeshir (November 26, 1938). *Punjab:* Captain F. V. Stonham (September 27, 1938). *Bihar:* Captain W. B. Stiver, L.M.S. (August 28, 1938); Captain F. W. Whiteman (September 8, 1938). *Central Provinces:* Captain M. Sendak (July 29, 1938); Captain F. C. Leach (December 6, 1938). *Orissa:* Captain J. W. Bowden (October 11, 1938).

The Secretary of State for India has sanctioned the reversion to military employment of the following officers of the Indian Medical Service (Civil) with effect from the dates indicated in parentheses: *Government of India:* Major W. F. Cooper (December 30, 1938). *Central Government:* Lieutenant-Colonel R. L. Vance (November 12, 1937); Lieutenant-Colonel W. M. Will (October 31, 1938); Captain C. J. H. Brink (November 27, 1938); Colonel E. G. Kennedy (April 20, 1939). *Madras:* Major J. S. McMillan (September 1, 1937); Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. V. Ramanan (November 6, 1937). *Bombay:* Captain P. I. Franks (October 29, 1937); Captain W. W. Laughland (June 4, 1938). *Bengal:* Lieutenant-Colonel R. E. Flowerdew, C.I.E. (May 25, 1937); Major B. N. Hajra (February 14, 1938); Major A. K. Gupta (February 14, 1938). *United Provinces:* Lieutenant-Colonel B. R. Chaudhri (April 17, 1939); Captain Jaswant Singh (September 10, 1937); Major R. D. Alexander (August 3, 1938). *Bihar:* Captain W. B. Stiver (November 12, 1938); Captain F. W. Whiteman (December 5, 1938); Major G. P. F. Bowers (October 4, 1937); Lieutenant-Colonel H. M. Strickland (November 10, 1937). *Central Provinces and Berar:* Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. Logan (November 20, 1937); Lieutenant-Colonel J. Carrey (March 4, 1938); Lieutenant-Colonel J. E. Ainsley (August 2, 1938); Major V. E. M. Lee (August 19, 1938).

Major-General E. W. C. Bradfield, C.I.E., O.B.E., K.H.S., Director-General, Indian Medical Service, has been granted leave on average pay for one month and one day and in continuation leave on half average pay for four months and six days with effect from September 29.

Colonel G. G. Jolly, C.I.E., V.H.S. Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals, Punjab, has been appointed to officiate as Director-General, Indian Medical Service, with effect from September 29.

Colonel G. G. Jolly, C.I.E., V.H.S., has been granted the local rank of Major-General, without effect on pay and pension, whilst officiating as Director-General, Indian Medical Service.

Colonel Sir A. J. H. Russell, C.B.E., has retired from the Service.

The retirements of Colonel J. A. S. Phillips, C.I.E., Lieutenant-Colonel F. A. Barker, C.I.E., O.B.E., and Lieutenant-Colonel S. A. Phatak, have been permitted subject to His Majesty's approval.

Major H. W. Farrell, an officiating Agency Surgeon, has been employed as Chief Medical Officer and Inspector-General of Prisons in Baluchistan, with effect from October 4, 1939.

Major E. A. O'Connor, an officiating Agency Surgeon, has been appointed as Civil Surgeon, Quetta-Sibi, with effect from October 5, 1939.

Major F. H. Whyte has been appointed to the post of Civil Surgeon, New Delhi, with effect from October 9, 1939.

Major K. H. A. Gross, M.C., an officiating Agency Surgeon, on return from leave has been appointed as Agency Surgeon in Bundhelkand with effect from September 30, 1939.

Majors R. W. H. Miller and P. A. C. Davenport to be Lieutenant-Colonels.

Captains F. M. Khan and D. Datt to be Majors.

Captain M. G. Saincer to be Major (provisional).

Diary of B.M.A. Central Meetings

DECEMBER

20 Wed. Executive Committee, 2 p.m.
29 Fri. Journal Board, 11.45 a.m.

B.M.A.: Meetings of Branches and Divisions

EDINBURGH AND SOUTH-EAST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH: CITY OF EDINBURGH DIVISION.—Members of the Division are informed that Professor Stanley Davidson and his staff will hold a clinic in Ward 27 in the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, every Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m., for patients suffering from the chronic rheumatic diseases.

HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH: ST. ALBANS DIVISION.—At Wellington Court, Bricket Road, St. Albans, Friday, December 15, 8.30 p.m. Dr. E. R. Cullinan: "Recent Drugs and their Uses."

Postgraduate News

The Fellowship of Medicine announces the following courses of instruction for Final F.R.C.S. candidates: (1) surgical tutorial classes, twice weekly, 4.30 p.m., continuing until January 25, 1940, at the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, W., the lectures for this week being on the sympathetic nervous system by Mr. G. C. Knight on December 19, and on testicle and prostate by Mr. Kenneth Heritage on December 20; (2) a comprehensive course at the Royal Cancer Hospital daily from 9.30 a.m. until 1 p.m., continuing until January 27, 1940; (3) short courses in pathology will be given in January, each course consisting of two demonstrations (in the same week) from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., and each course limited to six postgraduates; (4) an evening course at St. Mary's Hospital on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, at 8 p.m., from December 19, 1939, to January 25, 1940 (excluding Christmas week), and consisting of tutorial classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays and a clinical class on Wednesdays.

WEEKLY POSTGRADUATE DIARY

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 1, Wimpole Street, W.—*St. Mary's Hospital*, W.—Tues., Wed., and Thurs., 8 p.m., Final F.R.C.S., Clinical and Tutorial Course. *Royal Cancer Hospital*, Fulham Road, S.W.—Daily 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Comprehensive Final F.R.C.S. Course. *Brompton Hospital*, S.W.—Mon. and Wed., 4.30 p.m., M.R.C.P. Course in Chest Diseases. *Medical Society of London*, 11, Chandos Street, W.—Surgical Tutorial Classes, Tues., 4.30 p.m., Mr. G. C. Knight, Sympathetic Nervous System; Wed., 4.30 p.m., Mr. Kenneth Heritage, Testicle and Prostate.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—*Tues.*, 3.30 p.m., Dr. F. R. Ferguson, "Air Raid" Neuroses and their Treatment. *Fri.*, 3.30 p.m., Drs. J. Wharton and P. B. Mumford, Poisoning by "Mustard Gas" and Other Poison Gases, with Special Reference to the Treatment of Lesions of the Eyes and Skin.

VACANCIES

EXAMINING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The following vacant appointments are announced: Wollaston (Northamptonshire); Yarmouth (Isle of Wight); Balfron (Stirlingshire). Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1, by December 28.

APPOINTMENTS

BURDEN NEUROLOGICAL INSTITUTE, Stapleton, Bristol.—Honorary Surgeons: Wylie McKissock, M.S., F.R.C.S., and F. Wilfred Willway, M.S., F.R.C.S.

LEWIS, J. T. R., M.D., D.P.H., Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Deputy School Medical Officer of the County Borough of Croydon.

PAYNE, D. D., M.D., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer of the Borough of Harrogate.

EXAMINING FACTORY SURGEONS.—Edward Johnson, M.B., Ch.B., for the Cranborne District (Dorsetshire); J. E. R. Palmer, L.M.S.S.A., for the Megavissey District (Cornwall); H. Stewart, M.B., Ch.B., for the Littlehampton District (Sussex).

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

The charge for inserting announcements under this heading is 9s. This amount should be forwarded with the notice, authenticated by the name and address of the sender, and should reach the Advertisement Manager not later than the first post Tuesday morning to ensure insertion in the current issue.

MARRIAGE

COOK—REID.—On December 8, James Cook, F.R.C.S.Ed., to Carolyn Winona, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. H. G. Reid.

DEATH

COLEMAN.—On December 10, 1939, at Sandford, Llandudno, Olive May, the dearly loved wife of A. H. Coleman, F.R.C.S., in her 53rd year. Interred Tuesday, December 12.